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MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S DELAYED TRIP TO WASHINGTON

THURSDAY (FEB. 12) MILLIYET CARRIED WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY
FROM CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN REPORTING ALLEGED AMERICAN
OFFICIAL CONCERN OVER THE POSTPONEMENT OF TURKISH FONMIN
CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE STORY NOTED THAT,
ALTHOUGH ALL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE GIVEN MRS. KISSINGER'S
HEALTH AS THE REASON FOR THE DELAY, THE POSSIBILITY OF
POLITICAL CONCERNS LAYING BEHIND THE CANCELLATION HAS CREATED
DISMAY IN WASHINGTON. THE MAJOR
CASUALTY IN THE POSTPONED
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VISIT, ESPECIALLY IF DELAYED BEYOND LATE MARCH, MAY BE THE

NEW TURKISH-AMERICAN BASE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE
REPORT, TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS MIGHT THEN ENTER AN
EVEN MORE STRAINED PHASE. KOHEN ALSO MENTIONED PENTAGON
CONCERNS
OVER THE IDLE BASES AND PERSONNEL ASSIGNED THERE.
ACCORDING TO KOHEN INTELLIGENCE DUTIES HAVE BEEN HAMPERED
BY THE LONG BASE CLOSURES AND THE MORALE OF THE MEN HAS
BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED. KOHEN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT
COMPLAINTS HAVE INCREASED AND THE PENTAGON MAY BE IN FOR
MORE PRESSURE TO EFFECT A SOLUTION TO THE BASE PROBLEM.
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